

Chapter One

Vision Statement

RINDGE

Third Highest Town in New Hampshire
Elevation 1400 Feet :

ITS HILLS, WITH VIEWS OF MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS, LAKES AND STREAMS ARE WONDERFUL HOME SITES



SHE STANDS ALONE, AND MAJESTICALLY SURVEYS THE WOODS, THE LAKE AND THE MOUNTAIN

RINDGE HAS

24,000 acres, of which 17 lakes and ponds cover nearly 4500 acres; electric light and power; State roads and good gravel country roads; boating, bathing, fishing; tennis (private and rented courts); golf course at Winchendon; mountain trails; wood roads for hiking and horse-back riding; and all the joys of country life. The main highways are open in winter for auto traffic.

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The Town of Rindge is a community committed to preserving the Town's natural assets and small town rural character. The balance of managing the collective vision of its residents, the dictates of its environment, and its commercial needs will be accomplished by relying on the initiative of individuals and the active participation of members of our diverse community.

Since the Town is served by private water and sewer systems, it is imperative that our existing water resources such as wetlands, aquifers and watersheds be protected to the maximum extent possible in order to assure the continuous supply of clean water for present and future generations.

To those ends, by the year 2020, the Town of Rindge will have:

Created a stronger sense of Rindge as a Community,

A community where the citizens are proud of their town and the way that its growth and character are managed and realized.

A community where people come together on a regular basis to celebrate their town, for concerts, festivals, suppers, farmers' market, and other activities that draw people together and foster a strong sense of community.

A community that is fully utilizing its community center whether it is a central building or a defined number of locations that suit the town's social and political needs.

Increased its level of Natural Resource Protection,

In part this will be accomplished through the acquisition of high priority lands or development rights, for conservation by the Town or by organizations or individuals specifically focused on the task of the preservation of such resources.

In part it will be accomplished by a cooperative relationship with Franklin Pierce College and other like minded conservation organizations.

In part it will be accomplished by a more comprehensive initiative designed to protect water resources in Rindge.

In part it will have been accomplished by having identified significant agricultural lands for preservation.

Retained its Rural Character,

Strengthening Rindge's three existing villages, promoting the development of additional villages and fostering appropriately scaled retail development.

Adopting commercial design standards that are in keeping with the rural atmosphere we wish to continue along Routes 202 and 119.

Working with landowners to improve the use of landscaping and use of native plantings in commercial and residential development.

By encouraging development that is pleasant, attractive and cohesive with the Town's rural character.

Created a strong partnership with Franklin Pierce College,

A partnership that has led to greater interaction between Franklin Pierce College and the Town for their mutual benefit for educational, professional development and economic growth opportunities and activity in Rindge;

Development of services in village like settings, which are designed to meet the needs of the Town as well as the College.

Become a Model in Providing Services to its Residents

Some of these services the Town will provide directly, through a new community center and new facilities for its emergency responders and public works department.

Some of these services the Town will provide cooperatively, with other communities: in education, transportation, emergency and recreation.

Some of these services will be provided by others: businesses, professional offices, or elderly housing that the Town will attract to Rindge.

Communication services through improved internet access will be among the services available throughout the community.

And most of all, in the future the Town of Rindge will remain a pleasant, helpful, and hopeful community, a good place to live, work, and raise a family.